

House Resolution No. 3542

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Walter Bruens lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Nancy Elder, during a solemn ceremony on May 30, 1954, in Warrensburg, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Walter and Nancy Bruens have had the pleasure of raising two children, Stephen and Jeffrey Bruens, and the privilege of spoiling four grandchildren; and

Whereas, now retired, Walter Bruens has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes serving thirteen years as Superintendent of the Harrisonville R-IX School District and three decades as an Administrator and teacher in the public school system; being a member of the American Legion, the Cass County Retired Teachers Association, the Harrisonville United Methodist Church, the Masonic Lodge, the Cass County Shrine Club, the Ararat Shrine, for which he has served as a greeter, and the Harrisonville Kiwanis Club, of which he is past President; and receiving the Chamber of Commerce 1989 Educator of the Year Award, the 2000 Kiwanis Hixson Award, the Hermann Jaycees' Distinguished Service Award for 1977, and the Arrowhead District of the Boy Scouts of America organization's Award of Merit; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Nancy Bruens further distinguished herself by owning and operating a Hallmark Card and Gift shop for eleven years and an office supply and book store for twelve years, being past President of the Harrisonville Chamber of Commerce, and supporting the Harrisonville United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, and the PEO; and

Whereas, during their half century together, Walter and Nancy Bruens have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bruens of Harrisonville commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special family celebration at Tan-Tar-A at the Lake of the Ozarks:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Walter and Nancy Bruens and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bruens.

Offered by _____
Representative Rex Rector
District No. 124

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3542, adopted July 2, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker